[Mr. Brahmapuram P. Zesudian]

(*f*) whether any scheme was introduced to change the age limit of the backward communities ;

(*g*) if not, what are the reasons?

MR. T. CHANDY: (*a*) The question of revising the maximum age limit of the backward communities is under active consideration.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (b).

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (d).

(*f*) Vide answer to part (a).

(*g*) Does not arise.

Industrial Survey.

559. ❋ **MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI** (*The Travancore Jenmies-North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have taken any Industrial Survey after 1110 ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of such survey?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Director of Industries*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Cottage Industries.

560. ❋ **MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are subsidising any cottage industry ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the names of such industries and the amounts given?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The names of the Cottage Industries and the amount of subsidy given are as follows :—

		Rs.	Ch.	C.
1.	Cotton Weaving ...	19,098	16	8
2.	Mat weaving ...	348	0	0
3.	Smithery ...	243	0	0
4.	Carpentry ...	936	15	12

Handloom Industry.

561. ❋ **MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of handlooms working in Travancore ;

(*b*) the approximate quantity of cloth produced by them per year ;

(*c*) whether any steps are being taken by them to encourage that industry ; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the steps taken ?

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